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# H. R. 2809

To establish a national research program to improve the production and marketing of sweet potatoes and increase the consumption and use of sweet potatoes by domestic and foreign consumers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 1993

Mr. LANCASTER (for himself, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. NEAL of North Carolina, Mr. PARKER, Mr. ROSE, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. VALENTINE, and Mr. WHITTEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To establish a national research program to improve the production and marketing of sweet potatoes and increase the consumption and use of sweet potatoes by domestic and foreign consumers.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Sweet Potato Research  
5       and Production Improvement Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SWEET POTATO RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

2 (a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
3 through the Agricultural Research Service or through co-  
4 operative agreements with land-grant colleges and univer-  
5 sities, shall conduct research regarding sweet potatoes, in-  
6 cluding research to develop—

7 (1) widely adapted, high-quality cultivars of  
8 sweet potato with increased yields and improved lev-  
9 els of disease and pest resistance for traditional  
10 markets and alternative uses;

11 (2) environmentally compatible management  
12 technologies to control diseases, nematodes, insects,  
13 and weeds that limit sweet potato production in the  
14 United States, including effective controls for sweet  
15 potato weevils in host and nonhost crops;

16 (3) detection and monitoring systems for male  
17 and female sweet potato weevils in sweet potato stor-  
18 age facilities and in field and seed bed plantings;

19 (4) integrated crop management practices for  
20 sweet potatoes that effectively combine cultural and  
21 biological controls, environmentally rational chemical  
22 usage, and host resistance;

23 (5) improved technology for more efficient har-  
24 vesting, grading, and storage of sweet potatoes;

1           (6) improved technology for processing sweet  
2       potatoes for both traditional and nontraditional food  
3       products; and

4           (7) methods to increase sweet potato consump-  
5       tion and uses while also removing possible barriers  
6       that limit sweet potato use in both domestic and ex-  
7       port markets.

8       (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9       are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agri-  
10      culture to carry out this section \$2,400,000 for fiscal year  
11      1994 and each subsequent fiscal year. Of the amounts ap-  
12      propriated for a fiscal year under this section—

13           (1) not more than \$400,000 shall be available  
14      for research described in subsection (a)(1);

15           (2) not more than \$500,000 shall be available  
16      for research described in subsections (a)(2) and  
17      (a)(3);

18           (3) not more than \$400,000 shall be available  
19      for research described in subsection (a)(4);

20           (4) not more than \$400,000 shall be available  
21      for research described in subsection (a)(5);

22           (5) not more than \$400,000 shall be available  
23      for research described in subsection (a)(6); and

24           (6) not more than \$300,000 shall be available  
25      for research described in subsection (a)(7).

